



Appendix K

Directory of Phytosanitary Notes

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Introduction

Purpose:

To enable users to easily and quickly find pertinent information in the Phytosanitary Notes (PN's).



Phytosanitary Notes may be accessed online via dial-up methods or via the Internet by typing the words "Export Information" on the country line, then selecting "Product Requirements."

Scope:

Only information in current PN's is put into EXCERPT. Information in superseded PN's, or information that has been incorporated into this manual or the appropriate country summary has been left out.

Types of Phytosanitary Notes (PN's):

- ◆ **Special Notes** (general information relative to issuing phytosanitary certificates; may be country specific).
- ◆ **Countries** (information that pertains to specific countries. Countries are listed alphabetically. The subentries under the countries are the kind of plant (for example, apple) and the subentries under the kind of plant are the product class (for example, fruit, grain, seeds, or cut flowers). This arrangement mimics the arrangement of Product Requirements in EXCERPT.
- ◆ **Foreign Country Complaints** (summaries of countries' reports of dissatisfaction with shipments of agricultural products from the United States).

How to Use the Directory of Phytosanitary Notes

Step 1

Determine the broad category of information and the specific kinds of information you need.

Step 2

Go to that section (those sections) of the directory (Special Notes, Countries, or Foreign Country Complaints).

Step 3

Look for Special Notes, and other information that affects the plant or plant product being exported.

If using the section on “Countries,” go to the specific country that you need information on. Scan the entire list of topics. You will be directed to the appropriate PN.

Step 4

Integrate the information in the PN with the comparable information in the country's Summary to issue the phytosanitary certificate.

Alternative Sources of Export Summary (EXCERPT)

Export Services and the Center for Environmental and Regulatory Information Systems (CERIS), our cooperator responsible for the EXCERPT database, have in place a number of systems to provide Authorized Certification Officials (ACO's) with the best available phytosanitary certification information.

The primary system is accessing export summary information using EXCERPT, our computer database. The most user friendly and most often used access is via the World Wide Web (WWW). That site is <<http://excerpt.ceris.purdue.edu>>.

Continually available in use since 1993, is dial-up access via modem (765-463-3262 or 800-435-9994). This is the most effective way to access EXCERPT if the WWW is not working or is working slowly.

An option available to you, should it become necessary, is the “Emergency Response Plan.” Refer to Appendix M in the Export Certification Manual. This contains the details of the Emergency Response Plan. Should the primary computer system fail or be shut down for more than 8 hours, this plan goes into effect. Under this plan, select sites (listed in Appendix M) have CD-ROM disks with

recent export summary information. The details of this procedure are listed and should be reviewed by all Authorized Certification Officials (ACO's).

Concurrently with the emergency response plan, should the computer on which EXCERPT is contained become unavailable for more than a day, an alternate WWW site will be available. The URL for this site is <<http://minorleague.ceris.purdue.edu>>. This site will only be activated in the even of a prolonged outage (unavailability) of the current site. It can not be used at any other time. Should all other systems fail (and only **IF** they fail), we expect Authorized Certification Officials (ACO's) to use past experience, prior certifications, and common sense (within reasonable time frames) to provide phytosanitary certification and thus maintain our export markets.

Special Notes

Agricultural Marketing Service FV Forms as basis for issuing phytosanitary certificates, **PN 93** (8/26/85)

APHIS' Import Permit Policy, **PN 0932** (06/22/00)

EXCERPT Alternative Sources of Export Summaries, **PN 0927** (12/27/99)

Countries that still need to be entered, **PN 0929** (06/22/00)

Federal Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ Form 577), for reexport (PPQ Form 579), **PN 0896** (3/27/97); **PN 0933** (2/01/01)

Fumigation and inspection procedures, **PN 792** (2/8/95);

Grain, certifying for freedom from disease causing organisms, **PN 803** (5/18/95)

Mexico, **PN 0921** (10/21/98); **PN 0928** (12/29/99); **PN 0931** (11/15/00)

New Zealand, **PN 0926** (05/25/99)

Onions and garlic, recommendations for inspecting, **PN 884** (9/12/96)

Potpourri, **PN 332** (5/19/90)

Processed Plant Products Certificate (PPQ Form 578),

Seed, phytosanitary certification of, **PN 791** (2/8/95)

Countries

Foreign Country Complaints

Fiscal Year 1999, **PN 0930** (9/19/00)